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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO
APPROVE A PERCENTAGE INCREASE EXCEEDING TEN PERCENT
OF THE TOTAL AGREEMENT AMOUNT FOR THE AFFILIATION
AGREEMENT BOARD LETTER FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014-15
THROUGH 2018-19**

This is to advise your Board that the Department of Mental Health (DMH) is scheduling a Board letter for the June 10, 2014, agenda that requests approval to enter into an Affiliation Agreement with The Regents of the University of California, effective July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, with a provision for four one-year automatic renewal periods through Fiscal Year 2018-19. DMH requests an additional ten percent for a total of twenty percent delegated authority upon execution of a new and revised Affiliation Agreement for the provision of Academic Services.

In accordance with Board of Supervisors' Policy 5.120, prior Board notice is required for any department requesting delegated authority to increase Board-approved contracts over ten percent.

JUSTIFICATION

This Agreement funds Academic Services, which has three components: Administrative Services, Graduate Medical Education Services, and other Academic Training Services, including an Annual Statewide Integrated Care Conference. The Graduate Medical Education (GME) service component provides residency and fellowship training, at three directly-operated sites, for individuals who are enrolled in Accreditation Council on GME accredited programs. Commitments to trainees are made at least three months prior to the start of each rotation, and should DMH want to increase the number of residency commitments or expand to additional directly-operated sites, DMH would need to give at least a six-month advanced notice to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Furthermore, since this Agreement funds multiple services, training programs, and a conference, the increased delegated authority will allow DMH greater capacity to amend this Agreement to expand opportunities for trainees and directly-

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operated sites, as well as training opportunities for DMH clinicians. Finally, the Annual Statewide Integrated Care Conference budget is based on past year's costs; the increased delegated authority will allow DMH to adjust the budget to ensure that we completely cover any increased costs associated with the Conference (e.g., space and materials) and that the Department continues to attract nationally recognized speakers.

Therefore, in most instances where speed and response time are of key importance, the objectives to maximize, prioritize, and increase access to services will more effectively meet the County's mission, "To Enrich Lives Through Effective And Caring Service." Should there be a need to exceed the twenty percent delegated authority, DMH will return to your Board with a request for authority to amend the Agreement accordingly.

NOTIFICATION TIMELINE

Consistent with the procedures of Board Policy 5.120, we are informing your Board of our intention to proceed with filing the Board letter with the Chief Executive Officer for the June 10, 2014, Board meeting.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me, or your staff may contact Richard Kushi, Chief, Contracts Development and Administration Division, at (213) 738-4684.

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